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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

This application is a national phase in the United States of the international application PCT/NO00/00191 filed June 2, 2000 and claims the benefit of Norwegian applications 1999 2739 filed June 4, 1999 and 1999 5140 filed October 21, 1999 and the international application PCT/NO00/00191 filed June 2, 2000. This application is related to ~~co-pending applications~~ U.S. Patent 6,640,720 entitled "TRANSLATION AND LOCKING MECHANISM IN A MISSILE" serial-number issued November 4, 2003, attorney-docket number PROTEC7.001APC, U.S. Patent 6,659,393 entitled "RETARDING AND LOCK APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RETARDATION AND INTERLOCKING OF ELEMENTS" serial-number issued December 9, 2003, attorney-docket number PROTEC8.001APC, and U.S. Patent 6,647,889 entitled "PROPELLING DEVICE FOR A PROJECTILE IN A MISSILE" serial-number issued November 18, 2003, attorney-docket number PROTEC9.001APC, all filed concurrently herewith.